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EPA SUIT AGAINST BOHEMIA INC. BRINGS \$350,000 PENALTY

(San Francisco)--The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced the settlement of a lawsuit against Bohemia Inc., Eugene, Ore., citing the construction and operation of two wood-fired boilers at its Placer County, Calif. facility without proper federal permits.

Under terms of the consent decree lodged Sept. 14, 1990 in Sacramento in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, the company will correct violations of the federal Clean Air Act at its Lincoln, Calif. lumber mill, and pay a penalty of \$350,000.

"This is a record-breaking penalty for the western United States, which should act as a deterrent to potential violators," said Daniel W. McGovern, regional administrator of EPA's western regional office.

Bohemia had failed to obtain a prevention of significant deterioration (PSD) permit, required by EPA to maintain air quality in Placer County. Bohemia will correct this violation by applying for the proper permit.

In addition, Bohemia failed to install emission controls called for under federal PSD regulations. Bohemia has agreed to install an electrostatic precipitator to control particulate emissions, and an ammonia injection system for the proper control of nitrogen oxide and carbon monoxide emissions.

"By complying with the requirements of the law, Bohemia will contribute to the maintenance of cleaner air in Placer County,"

McGovern said.

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